

TESTIMONY Concerning the LIFE and DEATH OF Jane VVhitehead,

THAT
Faithful Servant and Hand-maid of the
Lord, who was a Mother in *Israel*, and
her Memorial is blessed of the Lord for ever.

Concerning her Sufferings, and her Faith-
fulness in her Testimony in Sufferings.

With an Exhortation to turn to the True Light, in a few
words to all Backsliders from the Truth, by a Lover of Truth
and Righteousness, who hath a Testimony against Oppression,
Cruelty, and Persecution, wheresoever I see it appear against
the Innocent.

T. T. Theophila

Thus saith the Lord by his Servant the Prophet, *Woe to them that decree Unrighteous decrees, and write grievousness, which they prescribe to turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that Widdows may be their Prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless.* But what will you do in the day of Visitation, and in the Desolation that shall come from far? To whom will you fly for help, or where will you leave your glory? *Isaiah 10. 1, 2, 3.*

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours, and their Works do follow them, *Rev. 13. 14.*

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A Testimony concerning Jane Whitehead, Wife of Thomas Whitehead of South Cadbury in the County of Summerset, late Deceased; whose former name was Jane Waugh, that faithful Servant and Handmaid of the Lord, whose Memorial is blessed for ever, because of her uprightness and stedfastness of heart and mind unto the Lord from the first to the last, who began in the true Faith, and kept in it unto the end of her dayes, by which she obtained Victory, and was made more than a Conqueror (through Christ that loved her) over all her enemies, both within, and without, and hath now finished her course in this world, and hath obtained an entrance into that everlasting glorious Rest, heavenly Felicity, and endless Consolation that the Lord hath prepared for them that truly love him and keep their Confidence in him, and hold fast their Integrity for him unto the end of their dayes, as this true and faithful follower of the Lamb hath done, and now hath received of the Lord an immortal Crown of Life and endless Glory, as the Reward of her Faitfulness from the hand of a tender Father, who never fails any that truly trust in him, but is an exceeding great Reward unto all the Upright in Heart.

THIS Testimony is sealed in my heart by the Spirit of the Lord concerning the everlasting Happiness, and endless Well-being of this my dear Friend and Sister in the Heaven-

ly Relation, unto whom my Soul was, and is truly united in the Unity of the Spirit in the blessed Covenant of life in which in the remembrance of her faithfulness my soul is truly refreshed: Therefore we have good cause to say that the Memorial of the Righteous is blessed, as one said in the dayes of old, that They shall be had in everlasting remembrance among those that fear the Lord: So my dear Sister, the living remembrance of thee hath often tender'd my heart before the Lord in the consideration of his goodness, and the largeness of his Mercy in thy Preservation, who hath kept thee by his mighty power in faithfulness to himself in thy holy Testimony through all thy Tryals and Exercises that thou hast met withall from a cruel and hard hearted Generation; cruel Mockings, Scoffings, and Scorning, Beating and Reviling, and cruel Imprisonments in nasty places in the cold of Winter, and heat of Summer.

Thus, thou Renowned of the Lord, did the cruel hearted deal with thee for thy blessed Testimony sake, that thou brought'it among them in the Love of God, and in love to their own poor souls; but they rejecting their own mercies, thus requited thee, and evily intreated thee for thy love to them; but thy reward is with the Lord for ever, who hath blessed thy Labour and Travel, and made it very effectual and prosperous, and very acceptable unto the honest hearted, that were seeking after the Lord, who received thy blessed Testimony with gladness of heart; and the Lord blessed thy Labours in his Work and Service, who endued thee with power from on high, to speak a word in season to several States and Conditions, and to reach the Witness of God in their Consciences, to the awakening many to righteousness, and the blessed power of the mighty God was with thee, and his living Presence did sweetly accompany thee in that blessed work which he called thee to, in which thou wast faithful and diligent, according to the measure of Grace committed to thee.

Oh thou dearest unto me of many, and never to be forgotten by me because of thy spotless life, who hath kept thy Garments clean from all manner of defilements and spots of the wicked World ! Oh thou blessed of the Lord, how often hath my heart been broken into tears of true sorrow because of the want of thee, as to thy bodily presence, because of thy tender care over the Family of God ; for true Uprightness is very pretious to me amongst those that have a Testimony for the Lord, which is the garment of Praise ; and because of thy Uprightness was my heart joyned unto thee, my dear Friend, and well beloved in the Lord, who hath now taken thee away out of the reach of all thy enemies, thou true Jew, whose praise is not of men but of God, who didst not appear outwardly beyond what the Lord had made thee by the virtue of his Divine power, and sanctifying Spirit, that hath wrought mightily in thee, to the effecting the work of Mortification and Humiliation, and true Self-denyal in thee, and hath filled thy heart with his Love, and with the virtue of his blessed Life, by which thou wast prepared and made a vessel of Honour in the hand of the Lord, the sweet savour of whose precious Life abides with us, though thou art gone from us as to the outward enjoyment of thee ; but thy life, thy innocent life is with us, and will remain with us for ever, when all the enemies that hate it, and have hunted after it to destroy it, shall not be able to stand before it ; for it will out-live all the wrath of man, and all the fury of the wicked, and is out of the reach of every envious mind, which length of time shall never wear out, because it is everlasting in which thy dwelling place is, and will be for ever, thou dear Servant and Child of the most high God, who hath blessed thee, and will not have thy Uprightness be forgotten, nor thy Faithfulness buried in the Grave of Oblivion ; for the Lord God of Life by the word of his power hath often pressed me in Spirit very weightily,

and his living Word hath run through my heart in the remembrance of thee, for Righteousness must not be forgotten, nor her Uprightnes and Faithfulness be buried in the Grave of Oblivion ; for the Righteousness of the Righteous shall be upon them, and they shall shine as the Stars for ever and ever, and their Memorial is and shall be blessed now hence forth and for ever.

Now that all People might know, unto whom this may come, that it is not in any vain boasting or exaltation of any created excellency, or worthines of any mortal Creature that I thus write, but it is purely in honour to that excellency and comeliness, beauty and worthyness of that blessed Life of Righteousness in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, where-with he hath beautified his people ; by the virtue of whose blessed power, and weighty Life, I am constrained to give this Testimony for my dear deceased Friend, of whom I have had good knowledge for fourteen years or more, who came into this County in the Service of the Lord, an innocent Woman with her, one *Frances Raunce*, that then was her Companion, who is entered into rest with her, and was a fellow Labourer with her in the same Work and Service, and the power and presence of the Lord was with them, who blessed their labour to the confirming of many in the truth, and to the strengthning of the Weak, and the comforting of the upright in heart, who were refreshed by them through the blessed power and holy presence of the Lord which did accompany them, which was about fourteen years ago ; they travelled together, and now have their reward together with joy in the Lord : *J. R.* was Wife to *John R.* of *High-mickham*, a Virtuous Woman that feared God in her day; she dyed some years before *J. W.* and I can truly say, that in all this time I never knew any evil by her neither in word nor deed, nor never heard of any one that could justly charge her with any unright-

righteousness although she had many enemies, yet it was for Righteousness sake, and not for evil doing, but because she bore a Testimony against the World, that the deeds thereof are evil, therefore the world hated her, and rise up against her to persecute her, which she hath received at their hands with Patience and Meekness, truly desiring the Welfare of her Enemies, that they might come to Repentance and amendment of Life, that they might find Mercy with the Lord, so that their Souls might be saved from the wrath that is to come upon all that rebel against the Light, and are enemies to the Cross of Christ, and are haters of those which are good, and persecutors of them that truly fear God, and live in obedience to his pure Law that is written in their hearts, and are led by the Spirit which he hath put into their inward parts, such who love his blessed appearance in the bright shining of his heavenly divine Light to the opening of their understandings, and making known the Mysteries of his Kingdom unto them ; I say, those that hate such, and rise up against them to persecute them, the Lord will plead with them, and will pour out of his Judgments, and Wrath, and Vengeance upon them, in his own season, as he hath done upon some of the Persecuters of this innocent Lamb before-mentioned, whom the Lord hath taken away out of their reach, and hath received up into Glory, of whom that ungodly Generation was not worthy, because of their hard heartednes towards her, and cruel dealings with her, as in the following Relation may be specified more fully.

In the year 1655. the said *Jane waugh*, an innocent Woman that truly feared God, who in obedience to him came out of her own Countrey from the County of *Westmoreland*, her Relations living at *Hutton* in the same County, whom she left in obedience to the Lord, to travel in his Service, and to do his holy Will wheresoever he was pleased to order her by the Word

Word of his Power to bear Witness against the false wayes and Worships of the World, amongst whom for her Testimony she received many reproachful Revilings, and Abuses, and Smitings with the Fists of Wickedness, as many can witness who are yet alive in and about *Banbury* in *Oxfordshire*; and in the year before-mentioned, she came to *Banbury* in *Oxfordshire* to visit her imprisoned Friend *Anne Audland*, an innocent Woman that feared the Lord, who was a Prisoner for the Testimony of Jesus, and the Word of God; and when she came to that Town, she beholding their Cruelty, Wickedness, and Hardheartednes, she bearing witness for the Truth, and against their Wickednes, she was taken and brought before the Magistrates, one *John Astin* Mayor, and *William Allen* Justice of the Peace, so called; who when they had examined her, sent her to Prison, though no evil could be charged against her, where she suffered five weeks Imprisonment, and then released her for that time.

But not long after she came to *Banbury* again, and as she was with a Friend to write her a Letter, the Magistrates hearing of her, being moved with envy to Persecution, sent for her to be brought before them, who being bent to do Wickly by her, tendered the Oath of Abjuration to her to ensnare her, who in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, that saith *swear not at all*, refused it, for which those cruel hearted men sent her to Prison again, where she suffered twelve monthis Imprisonment, the cold Winter season in a low damp nasty place, that sometimes would be over the shooes in water, as I have heard her often say: Such was their Cruelty, and Hardheartednes to this tender Woman that truly feared God, and bore a living Testimony for his holy Name, through all these Cruelties and Sufferings which she receiyed at their hands with Patience; but those abuses brought her tender body into Weakness, which she hatli been attended with for several

years before her departure, through the Cruelty of her Oppressors, who were not yet satisfied in their Cruelty towards her, though no evil could be charged against her from the first to the last. When she came to *Banbury* again in the fourth month, 1662. where she was at a Meeting with the people of God, called Quakers, to wait upon the Lord in his Fear; for which she was taken and brought before the Magistrates, one *Thomas Robbins* Mayor, and *William Wheatly* Justice, and by them unjustly committed to that nasty Prison again, where she suffered three months more, by the wicked Oppressors of *Banbury*, which she bore all patiently, and never was slack in her Testimony, but was bold for the Lord, and his holy Truth, notwithstanding all the rage of the Wicked; for she would not defile her Conscience for fear of the Wrath of man, but she feared the living God, and committed her innocent cause unto the Lord, who pleaded for her in his own season with her Enemies and Oppressors, in taking Vengeance upon them, by smiting some of them in an eminent manner; one of them was suddenly smitten when he was going from home, so that he was not able to help himself, which he never recovered till he dyed; and others of them did the Lords hand follow till the Family of them was laid waste; so as it was said in the dayes of old, the Lord shall appear to render Vengeance on them that trouble you, but to you that are troubled, peace and rest with the Lord; so notwithstanding all her trouble, her Soul now resteth in peace with the Lord for ever and ever.

All this was when she was unmarried that she suffered at *Banbury*, and after this was over, and she at liberty again, she travelled through these parts, and went down Westward, where the Lord gave her to an honest man, and she became his Wife, and they lived very comfortably together, and had five goodly Children after they were married together, which

she hath left behind her with her true Husband, which hath given a good Testimony for her of her faithfulness, and also of her Sufferings whilst she was his Wife, for she was not then free from Sufferings, because she continued in Faithfulness to the same blessed Testimony, for which the Enemies of the Lord rose up against her in the beginning, for she bore Witness to the Light of Christ Jesus, that he is the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the World, according to *John's* Testimony, that was a man sent from God, *John 1.9.* to bear Witness to the same blessed Light, who also said of him, in him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men, so it is the Light of Jesus that is the Light of men; and this is the Testimony that *John* bare of the true Light, which the World that lies in Wickedness Hates and Persecutes, Reviles and Villifies, the blind Formal Professors, as well as open Prophane, as the Jews and Pharisees did by our Lord and Master when he was visible upon the earth, who wickedly said he had a Devil, and that he cast out Devils by Beelzebub the Prince of Devils, so the Servant is not greater than his Lord, as he said at that day; and the holy Scripture bears Testimony of the same.

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Here followeth her HUSBAND'S Testimony concerning her.

A S concerning *Jane whitehead*, my dear Deceased VVife, whose Maiden Name was *Jane waugh*, this is my Testimony concerning her, That she was one that feared God, and wrought Righteousnes and did in all things both in her Life and Conversation, endeavour to keep a Conscience void of Offence tovwards God, and all men; and did endeavour, as much as in her lay, acccording to the Gift of Grace given unto her, to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace, vvith all the Faithful; yet still nevertheless vwhen she did apprehend any thing to be amiss among those that did Profess the Truth, she vvould in much uprightness of heart, vvithout Partiality, deal plainly vvith them, as is vvell knovvn by Friends in those parts; and vwhen she had a sense upon her of that Spirits entrance upon any, under any pretence or likeness vwhatsoever, that vvould sovv Discord, and break the Concord and Unity among Friends and Brethren: With vwhat grief of heart and Soul have I heard her complain of it, and seen her with Diligence endeavour to stop it! For truly it vvas the great joy of her Heart, and Comfort of her Soul to be in the Company of Upright-hearted Friends, and to keep in the Fellowship of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, vvith the Brotherhood: And she vvas alvvayes of an o-

pen heart to Distribute to the Necessity of the Saints ; and
 vvas ready, according to Truth's Requirings, to serve the
 Truth and Friends in any thing she could, and never
 thought she could do too much for those that truly fear-
 ed and served the Lord in their Generation ; And she being
 called forth neer about twventy years ago, and a necessi-
 ty laid upon her from the Lord to bear VVitnes unto
 the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into
 the VWorld, vwhich had shined in her Heart and Consci-
 ence, unto vwhich Call of the Lord she became obedient,
 and gave her Back to the Smiter, and her Cheek to them
 that have not spared their Cruelty tovwards her ; Yea
 she took up the Croſs, and despised the Shame, for the
 Joy that vvas set before her ; For I have heard her some-
 times say, that if it might have stood vwith the VWill of
 Lord, she could have rather choſed to dye, than to have
 undergone those things that lay upon her ; for she vvas
 many times called forth after her first Convincement, to
 bear VVitnes in the Steeple-houses to the Truth, against
 their False VVorſhip, vwhere she met vwith much hard
 Usage from the Savage People, and a great deal of Re-
 proach from her Relations and Acquaintance, beyond vwhat
 may easily be exprefſed, though aftervvards, they ſeeing
 her Integrity, became very Loving and Respective to her.

And ſhe vvas ſometimes caſt into Prifons, vwhere ſhe
 vwas faithful in her Testimony, till the Lord made vway
 for her Deliverance ; And many times, as ſhe Travelled
 in obedience to the Lord on Truths account, ſhe ſuffered
 much Hardſhip in the outvvard, a great deal of hard Tra-
 vel, Hunger and Cold ; yet ſhe ſaid in much tenderness of
 heart, and in the ſenſe of the Lords Love, that he could make
 a Cup of cold VVater as good to her as VVine ; and ſhe
 ſaid at that time, it vvas as preitious unto her, although it
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was a time unto her in which she Travelled as in a Land un-
fown ; yet blessed be the Lord, the effects of her Labour,
Travels, and Sufferings have in many places of this Nati-
on been seen, she having been an Instrument in the hand
of the Lord, for the Convincing and turning of many to
Righteousness, from Darknes to Light, and from Satans
Power to God ; to which end the Lord endued her with
his Heavenly Gift , and made her Ministry effectual, as
many can bear Witness for her, though of her self she was
weak and could do nothing, yet had Faith in Christ, who
enabling her, could do all things that he called her unto :
And since she came into these parts, the Lord hath made
her Ministry very effectual, through his Heavenly Gift, to
the Establishing, and Confirming of many in Gods ever-
lasting Truth, and his Heavenly Presence did much ac-
company her, and oft fill her Vessel, and his Power was
in her Ministry , that the Weak were Comforted, and
those that were ready to Faint, were abundantly refresh-
ed, as many in those parts can truly bear her Witness ;
and through all her Service in the Labour of the Gospel
this was her Comfort, as I heard her several times say,
That she never sought her self, as she could appeal to the
Lord, and to the Consciences of all people where she had
Travelled, but for the good of Souls , and the advance-
ment of Gods blessed Name, and his everlasting Truth :
Yea, I may truly Testifie on her behalf, that she coveteth
no mans Silver and Gold, nor Apparel ; for what she had
of her own she spent on Truth's account before she was
my Wife, and since, when the Lord hath laid a necessity up-
on her to Travel in his work and Service, she hath had
freely of me, and the Lord hath blessed us so that we never
wanted any thing. And this I give as a Testimony against
the vain imaginations that have risen in the minds of

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some Carnal Professors in those parts: And truly the Lord made her a blessing unto me in many Respects, whose secret hand did bring us together; and now hath taken her from me again, who was so neer and dear unto me; and she is out of the reach of all her Enemies and Persecuters, and those that did hate her for the Gospels sake, and is at Rest with the Lord, with whom is her Reward for ever and ever: Yea, *Blessed are the Dead that dye in the Lord, they rest from their Labours, and their works shall follow them.* And that which remains as a desire in my heart is, That I may serve the same God to the end of my dayes, who never failed her, under any Exercise or Tryal that she was accompanied with; for when the Officers sometimes were taking our Goods for to levy a Fine for a Meeting, they asked her whether we did still intend to keep Meetings? and she answered as it was in her heart, Yes, we resolve to follow the Lord fully.

Moreover, under the great Exercise or weakness of Body that she was in before her departure, she often acknowledged that the Lord was wonderful good unto her, for though sometimes she might be under some Exercise of mind by reason of her great Weakness, yet she was kept quiet and patient, and did often say, That the Lord had broke in upon her, and with his Heavenly Presence did fill her to the Comfort of her Soul, and the Joy of Heart, as she did many times acknowledge, and said, *O that the Lord may never take his Presence from me!* It was so exceeding pretious and desirable unto her; and blessed be the Lord, he was good unto her to the very last, she was kept sensible, and did acknowledge that she had the Testimony of his Love, and that it would be well with her, and that she had no desire to live any longer in this World: and a little before her departure, she had no desire to have her Children with her, though they

they were very neer & dear unto her; but having given them
a Charge to be obedient to their Father, and that they should
mind Truth, and then the Blessing of the Lord would be
with them, so she desired to be retired; and the morning be-
fore her Departure, she had a sense that the time of her De-
parture was at hand, so she tould a Friend that she was going
to her long home; and that morning she desired me to go a-
bout my occasions, though all along before she still desired my
Company; and I being sometime wanting, was called in a-
gain, she being now upon Departing, our dear Friend *J. Anderson* being with me, we went in unto her, and he held her
by the hand, and I held her up about the neck, and she ma-
nifested her Sensibleness, and her Faithful Constant Love to
me unto the very last, and so departed in the Love and Peace
of God, as several had a Testimony of it that were there
present.

The 28th day of the 7th month 74. was the day of her
Departure, and she was Buryed the 6th day of the 8th month
following, being accompanied with very many Friends, and
many Neighbours. ---- So *They that are wise shall shine as the
brightness of the Firmament, and they that turn many to Right-
eousness as the Stars for ever and ever.*

South-Cadbury, the 8th day
of the 8th month, 75.

Thomas Whitehead.

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*Here followeth a Relation of more of her
Sufferings, the 28th day of the 9th
Month, 1671.*

Jane whitehead was brought to *Ilchester* Prison with a young Child Sucking at her Breast, through the Envy and Wick-edness of the Priest of *North-Cadbury*, one *John Atwood*, who malitiously Swore against her, she being accused that she came into his Congregation with Force and Arms, and did Inter-rupt him and Disturb his whole Congregation; which was a very Lye, for she neither used Force, nor Arms, but spake soberly in the Fear of God, bearing her Testimony for the Truth, against the Covetous Practises of the False Hirelings, and spake the words of Truth and Sobernes; and we are well satisfied that no True Minister, nor good People would be offended nor disturbed at this; yet notwithstanding, *R.H.* a Justice, Committed her to Prison, from her Husband, and four small Children, and one tender Child she carryed in her Arms, and brought them again from *Ilchester* Prison to the Sessions at *Wells* in the Winter Season, and through the falla-cious actions of the Priest, sent her back to Prison again, where she remained until the 2d month 72. all the Cold Winter; (yet the Goaler was civil towards her) but the Lord will plead her innocent Cause in his own Season, with those her Enemis, as he hath done with other that rose up a-gainst her; for the Lord was with her in the time of her Ex-ercises,

cercises who did uphold her by the word of his power, and gave her strength and courage to encounter with Truths enemies ; and blessed be his Name for ever, he hath now brought her through the War to Peace and everlasting Rest, to sit down with *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob* in the Kingdom of God for ever, and hath Crowned her with Victory with a Crown of immortality and eternal Life, Glory over all to the Lord God and the Lamb that sits upon the Throne.

Therefore, dear Friends, you that are but young and tender, who are convinced of the everlasting Truth of the living God, and have believed in the Light of his blessed Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, this is my Council in the Love and Council of the Lord unto you all, That you abide in the Light, and yield all holy Subjection by living in obedience unto it, according to the Divine operation, and holy requirings of the Spirit of Truth in your inward parts ; that you hearken to the council of it, and be willing to be led and guided by it, and to receive instruction from it at all times, and upon all occasions, that the way of the Lord may become your delight for ever, and the path of the Just the place of your footsteps, that so through righteousness you may obtain the blessing of peace from the hand of the Lord, as your portion for ever and ever.

Therefore travel on in the strength of the Lord, ye tender Children of the day of Gods everlasting Love : I say, travel on with Courage, with chearful hearts and ready minds in the footsteps of the flock of the holy Companions, as this our dear faithful deceased Friend hath done, that so you may with the Lords Worthies, Open ye everlasting doors that the holy Nation may come in, that so you may come truly to be of the general Assembly of the Church of the first Borne, whose names are written in Heaven, and to the innumerable Company of Angels, to the Spirits of Just men made perfect, and to God the Judge of all, to receive an Inheritance among them that

are sanctified, and have fellowship with the Saints in Light, and so come to witness life and immortality brought to light through the Gospel of our Lord Christ Jesus, the mighty power of God, to whom be Glory for ever. *Amen.*

And this is to be obtained by following the holy divine Light, that shines in the heart in the dayly Cross; and true self-denial of our own wills, in true and holy subjection unto the will of God, who hath truly loved us, and gave his Son Christ Jesus for us, who bare the Cross, and despised the shame, who came not to do his own will, but the will of the Father that sent him, who was made of no Reputation, though he was Lord of all; he took upon him the form of a Servant, and became obedient to the death of the Cross, and was Scourged for our transgressions, and bruised for our sins, that we might receive Redemption by him, and Salvation through Faith in his blood, and his living and ruling in us, who hath caused his heavenly Light to shine in our hearts, that by the living virtue of it our understandings are opened, whereby we come to see him that is invisible, and to know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, who having finished the work that his Father sent him to do, is ascended up on high, and hath led Captivity captive, and given gifts unto men for the work of the Ministry, and for the perfecting of the Saints, and the edifying of the body of Christ till all come to a perfect man to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, who is sate down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, glorified with the Father for ever and ever; yet nevertheless he that inhabits eternity also dwelleth with the man of a broken heart, and contrite spirit, and trembles at his word; of this we have a living experience through the goodness and mercy of the Lord unto us, who hath begotten us again by the immortal word of Life, unto a lively hope in Christ Jesus our Lord, who is worthy over all to have the praises, the glory & honour everlasting renown with living obedience from all that are made pertakers of the riches of his grace, now henceforth and for ever.

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*Here followeth the Testimony of John and Jane Ander-
don concerning Jane Whitehead.*

THIS TESTIMONY we have to give for *Jane whitehead*, that she was a good and honourable Woman in her day and time, the Lord having poured forth his Spirit upon her, as upon many other of his Servants and Hand-maids in this the day of his power, and she was truly called to the work and service of the Lord, in which she was valiant for the Truth, and feared the Lord in faithfulness in her generation, and held the Faith, and kept her Integrity to the last, & was a good Savour in her life and death, & she is blessed, and her good works do follow her, and we never found her too forward to speak in Meetings, or to seek the Preheminence, but to clear her Conscience before the Lord, which was well: We were present at her death, and she died like a Lamb, for death was swallowed up of life, and she is happy, and gone to her grave in peace with God, and at her Burial her life did preach, and her memorial is blessed; and she said a little before she dyed, that the Lord laid nothing to her charge, and that the Lord did bear her Witness that she never sought her Self in all her Labour and Travels, in which she met with many exercises, even to bonds and Imprisonment for the Testimony of Jesus, and the word of God, in all which he kept and preserved her faithful to himself, even to the end; and she spared not iniquity, but took up the Cross and despised the shame, and is entered into rest; and she was desirous that all should be in truth and reality, what in word they outwardly professed themselves to be and made a shew of, and she could not endure Hypocrisie, but rejoiced in godly Society, and her dear Love was to all Friends, whose welfare and prosperity

perity in the Truth she much desired, and Peace and Unity among all the Flock of God, that they might keep together under the one Shepheard in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Unity of his eternal Spirit for ever.

*Ulchester Prison, the 24th day
of the 8th month, 1675.*

John Anderdon,

Jane Anderdon.

The Testimony of Jasper Batt for Jane Whitehead.

I Have known her for neer twenty years past, about the time when Truth first brake forth in the Southern parts of this Nation; she was one on whom God fulfilled his Promise, even a Hand-maid on whom he poured out his Spirit, and accompanied with his living Presence, he having committed a Dispensation of the everlasting Gospel to her, in which she was faithful according to the measure received: And though she was the weaker Vessel his Power was manifested in her, to the reachiug of his own Witness, and turning many from Darkness to the Light, and many Children may rise up and call her blessed, for she was a Mother in *Israel*: She came forth near the beginning of the Lambs War in these latter dayes, and was a faithful follower of him, through many Tribulations and Sufferings: The Unity, Peace, and Welfare of the Lords People was precious to her, and she Travelled in many Countries of this Nation in the Lords Service, in which his Power and Blessing was with her, and minded that more than any Self-interest: towards her latter end she had a pretty long time

time of Weakness, her body being in a Consumption ; I was with her a few dayes before her Departure, and was well refreshed in the sence of Gods living Presence manifested in her, which truly refresh'd and comforted her in her outward weakness, and gave her true content in the will of the Lord, in which she was gathered to her Fathers, and laid down her head in everlasting Peace, her memory is blessed, and her name yields a good savour ; and in that life into which she gathered whilst conversant amongst us, we still enjoy a fellowship with her, and though dead she yet lives with us, having *Fought the good Fight, and kept the Faith, and finished her Course, she hath obtained the Crown laid up in store for them that have the appearance of the Lord Jesus.*

The 29th day of the 11th
month, 1675.

Jasper Batt.

SO my dear Friends, all people to whom this our Testimony may come, this is my Exhortation unto you all, that you all tread the same path, and walk in the same way of holiness, of righteousness and faithfulness that this dear Lamb hath trodden, and mind the same thing, and obey the same Spirit, that you may have the same blotted reward, and be made partakers of the same everlasting happiness and blessedness, by receiving an entrance, and having an habitation in that Inheritance that shall never fade away, that when this earthly Tabernacle shall be dissolved, you may receive a house not made with hands eternally in the Heavens, which is the end of all our Labour, and Travels, and Sufferings, that the Lord may be glorified, and peoples Souls may be saved from the dreadful day, and terrible Wrath and Vengeance of the

Lord

son and the Lamb, which is due to the wicked, by reason of their Wickedness, sin and ungodliness, and will be their portion for ever, if they do not repent and turn to the Lord by amendment of life ; Yea, Tribulation and Anguish upon every soul that does evil, upon the Jew first, and also upon the Gentile ; for if Judgment begin first at the house of God, where shall the sinners and ungodly appear ? So you, dear Travellers, that are turned *Sion-ward*, run the race with patience that is set before you, even the race of Salvation ; and so run that ye may obtain the prize, even the Salvation of your Souls ; for the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong ; for though Kings of Armies fly apace, yet the woman that sits at home divides the spoil, whose feet abide in her own house, and goe not into the Chambers of Death.

Oh my dear Country-men and Women, my neer and dear Relations, Kindred and Acquaintance, for my heart is enlarged for yourakes in the tender Love of God, that hath opened my heart by the bowels of his own Compassion, to invite you all, and intreat you all to turn unto the Lord, and seek him while he may be found, and call upon him while he is neer, for he is not far from every one of you ; therefore turn unto him with your whole hearts, that you may receive at the hands of the Lord, who is a merciful God, even the tenders of Life and Salvation, which he is now holding forth freely in his Son Christ Jesus our Lord, who delighteth not in the death of a sinner, but had rather that all should turn from the evil of their wayes and live : Therefore I say again, Receive the Tenders of his Universal Love held forth in the Light of his beloved Son, for in him are all the Promises of God, *rea, and Amen*, for ever ; for in him is Salvation and plentious Redemption for all that put far from them the evil of their doings, who cease to do evil, and learn to do well ; then, though their sins were as scarlet, he will make them as snow ; and though they were

were as Crimson, they shall be as Wool; therefore do not de-
lay, but turn to the Light of his pure Spirit in your own bo-
soms, that Reproves for sin in secret, and bears witness against
ungodliness; for the Scriptures do declare, that God hath not
left himself without a Witness, and this is his faithful Witness,
even Christ Jesus; therefore turn unto him I beseech you all
unto whom this may come, and slight not the day of your
Visitation, least you never have another; for who knows how
soon the Lord may call you out of this world? then it will be
too late to cry to the Lord for mercy, when the Gate of mercy
is shut, and you lest to receive a Reward from the hand of the
Lord for your evil deeds done in the body; for there is no
Repentance in the Grave, but as the tree falls so it lies, and as
Death leaves so Judgment finds; therefore while you have
time Prize it, and come down from the high Mountains of
your own casting up in your vain imaginations, and come, O
come into the low Valley of *Jehosaphat*, where the true Judg-
ment of the Lord is received, for *Zion* is Redeemed through
Judgment, and her Converts with Righteousness; for when
Judgment is set up in the earth, then the Inhabitants thereof
learn Righteousness; and the Prophet saith, The fruits of
Righteousness that shall be peace, the effects of it quietness
and assurance for ever; but no peace to the Wicked, saith my
God; no peace to the Persecuters of the Lords people, no
peace to the Despisers of the true Light of Christ within, no
peace to the blind Seers, nor sleepy Watchmen, nor false hire-
ling Priests, that oppress the poor, and live by the sweat of o-
ther mens brows; no peace to the idle Shepherds that feed
with the fat, and cloath with the wool, and make a prey upon
the Flock, who pull the sheaf from the hungry, and the father-
less from the breast, such are they that rebel against the Light,
who cry peace, peace unto people while they put into their
mouths, but when any for good Conscience sake refuse to
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put into their mouths, then they prepare War against them, and fly to the Law to recover treble, or other damage against them; no peace to the Backsliders and proud

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boasters, who have Apostatized from the Truth; and no peace to the false hearted, nor double minded, and rebellious, that never yet came to the Truth: But true peace

walkers and oil is the portion of the Righteous, who in faithfulness follow the Lord; and peace to those that love Uprightness, who take delight to walk in the way of the Lord, which is a way of holiness; and without holiness none can see the Lord; therefore turn unto him I beseech you all, and embrace the light of his Spirit, and make no longer delay; let not his Locks be wet with the drops of the night, whilst he stands knocking at the door of your hearts, but open unto him that he may come in and sup with you, and you with him, that so you may come by living experience to witness the fulfilling of those weighty sayings that stand upon Record in the holy Scriptures, and those Prophesies spoken of by the Prophets in the dayes of old, who said, *Thus saith the Lord, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, upon Sons and upon Daughters, upon Servants and upon Hand-maids, and they shall Prophesie; I will write my Law in their hearts, and put my Spirit in their inward parts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people; I will be their Father, and they shall be my Sons and Daughters:* This is our God, and in whom we have believed, that is good and gracious unto the Children of men, who gives gifts unto the Rebellious; for thus saith the Lord, *I gave them my good Spirit to instruct them, but they rebelled against it:* and some there were of old that did despight to the Spirit of Grace, and such there are in this Age, but if they do not obey the Spirit of Grace, their end will be miserable.

*A few words to those that have Apostatized from
the Truth, and so Conclude.*

And now you Backsliders, let your eye be turned unto the Lord in the light of his Son, from whom you are fallen, and look for his fiery indignation to take hold of the transgression to destroy the Adversary of your souls, that hath drawn you aside from the Lord, and be willing to bear his indignation, because you have sinned against him, that through Judgment you may be redeemed to your first Love, and to do your first Works, lest the Lord come unto you quickly, and take vengeance upon you to the full, and grind you to powder ye fallen Stars that have lost your light, that are drawn down from Heaven to the earth by the strength of the Dragons power: O consider in time vwhere you are vvandering like Fugitives and Vagabonds in the earth, and be not high-minded, but fear and consider from vvhence you are fallen, and hovv you have forgotten the dayes of your tenderness, and have let hardness of heart come over you again: O behold the desolation, the ruine, & the breaches that are come upon you, by reason of your Wanderings from your first tenderness, vwhen the Lord broke in upon you and tendered your hearts in his everlasting loving kindness, but you have not prized his love, but have wandered from his pure light: O consider the goodness of the Lord, and turn again unto him, that he may shew you mercy; remember how the Lord shewed *John* things that were to come, how that there should be War in Heaven, *Michael* and his Angels against the Dragon and his Angels; and *John* saw to the end of the War, that the Dragon and his Angels, could not prevail against *Michael* and his Angels, but

was overcome, and was cast out of Heaven to the earth, and their place was no more found in Heaven; and this made them rage because they had no place in heaven; so the Dragon was wrath with the Woman that brought forth the Man-Child, and he cast out his floods after her, even the floods of Persecution, and made War with the remnant of her Seed, that kept the Testimony of Jesus, and the Word of God, and in their Wrath they blasphemed the Name of God, his Tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven; and this *John* saw in the Spirit, which reacheth unto this present time; for have we not seen the day in this our age, that many of you entred into the Heavenly Profession, and had for a time a small part in the heavenly fellowship of the knowledge of God; but after you had known him, not glorifying him as God, nor liking to retain him in your knowledge, but growing heady, and high-minded, and giving your power to the Dragon to make War with the Saints, those that have kept their habitation in the Truth here begins the War, for they have laboured with you, and sought you with much tendernes, that you might not be utterly driven away, that you might not be cast out of the heavenly fellowship, and fall into utter desolation; but you still joyning with the Dragon to make War with them, so there was no help for you, but that you must be overcome, and so be cast out of heaven into the earth, and this hath been the cause of your rage and anger, because you were cast out by them that have kept the word of their Testimony in faithfulness; for this was that which *John* saw, that they overcame by the word of their Testimony, and the blood of the Lamb: and O with what diligence, care and patience have the faithful Brethren strove with you, seeking your Return, but O how hath their care been slighted by you, and had in derision among you, who have given reproachful terms to those Meetings that have been set a-

part on this account, for the repairing of Breaches, and building up the waste places, and gathering into Peace and Unity where the Faithful Brethren have been very diligent to build up the Ruines and Desolations ; but O how have they been by some set at nought, and ill requited for their labour of Love, even by such who have been ready to lay waste, and make Breaches, and sow Dissention, and cause Divisions among Brethren ; but said the Apostle, *Mark them that cause Divisions amongst you, and avoid them, for they that gather not with us, scatter abroad;* and I right well know that none that abides not in the unity of the Spirit ever gathers to God, let them pretend never so fair ; but it is possible that they may gather to themselves by their feigned words and fair speeches, but they shall not long continue, but their folly shall be made manifest ; those that are heady and high minded, and will not take counsel of the Lord, nor hearken to the voice of his Servants, but are ready to say in a way of contempt, as *Miriam* did in the dayes of old, *Hath the Lord spake only by Moses, hath he not also spake by us ?* but the Lord brought her to Judgment that spake contemptuously of his Servant *Moses*, as some are ready to say at this day of the Ancients of *Israel*, by reason of their care over the flock and family of God ; the same spirit also is ready to rise up against them, as it did in the dayes of old in them that said, *You Sons of Levi, you take too much upon you,* and so now, such as are careless themselves, and idle themselves, are ready to say of others, they take too much upon them, and so slight the labours and travels of the Ancients of *Israel*, who have the care of the Churches upon them, and have born the burthen and heat of the day, and have been in perils by Sea, and perils by Land, taking care that things might be well among Friends every where, and that true love and unity might be increased, and that which is evil kept down ; and this is well pleasing unto the Lord, and this work the Lord hath blessed and prospered, and made it effectual for good,

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good, and those who abide in the truth, have seen a service in it for the Lord, notwithstanding all the opposition; for this we know that such as oppose the work of the Lord will not prosper, let them cover themselves with never so fair pretences, with greater enjoyments of the Lord, this covering will prove too narrow to hide them from the wrath of the Lord, when they are apostatized from the truth, and from the comely order in the Unity of the Spirit, and from the fellowship of the Gospel of peace, such as came forth with us, but were not of us; So they went forth from us that it might be manifest to all people, that they are not of us.

But oh ye backsliders that have apostatized from the truth, and have crucified the Lord afresh, and put him to open shame, you that have not wholly sinned out your day, Return, return unto the Lord that he may heal your backslidings, and shew mercy unto you, and love you freely for his own names sake, who hath moved in my heart, in the bowels of his own compassions, to call upon you to return unto him, that he may shew you favor, before his anger break forth against you, & his decree be sealed, that you perish not in your gain-saying & Apostacy, and the earth swallow you up, and you become miserable for ever; therefore Consider, if it be not too late, for there is mercy with him, and bowels of compassion for all that truly seek him in uprightness of heart. Thus I have cleared my Conscience whether you will hear or forbear, from one that travels for the prosperity of *Sion*, and loves Unity and peace among brethren; truly desiring the welfare of all people that they may come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved; and that these that do already know it may abide in it for ever and ever. which is the true and hearty sincere desire of your true Friend, that seeks for peace and Unity.

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